

# LOVE AS A WEAPON

**Luke NKJV 6:** <sup>32</sup> “But if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. <sup>33</sup> And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. <sup>34</sup> And if you lend *to those* from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. <sup>35</sup> But love your enemies, do good, and lend, <sup>36</sup> hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil. <sup>36</sup> Therefore be merciful, just as your Father also is merciful.

**Proverbs NKJV 4:** My son, give attention to my words;

Incline your ear to my sayings.

<sup>21</sup> Do not let them depart from your eyes;

Keep them in the midst of your heart;

<sup>22</sup> For they *are* life to those who find them,

And health to all their flesh.

## 1. The Word of God works

**Hebrews NKJV 1:** <sup>3</sup> who being the brightness of *His* glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had <sup>4</sup> by Himself <sup>5</sup> purged <sup>6</sup> our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

**Hebrews NIV 4:** <sup>12</sup> For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

**James AMPC 5:** The earnest (heartfelt, continued) prayer of a righteous man makes tremendous power available [dynamic in its working].

## 2. Pay the Cost

**James NIV 1:** <sup>12</sup> Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

**John NKJV 3: 18** Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.

### **3. God will use your love sacrifice**

**Romans NKJV 12: 20** On the contrary:

“If your enemy is hungry, feed him;

if he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

In doing this, you will heap burning coals on his head.”<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.